

# IMPORTANT!

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING YOUR VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT

**SAMPLE BALLOT PAMPHLETS ARE MAILED 40 DAYS THROUGH 10 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ELECTION AND CAN BE FOUND AT [WWW.OCVOTE.COM](http://WWW.OCVOTE.COM)**



**HOW TO VOTE YOUR BALLOT:** Use a black or blue pen • Completely fill in the entire voting rectangle to the left of the candidate's name or to the left of the word "YES" or "NO" for a measure • **Your ballot will remain secret/Do not sign or place your initials on your ballot. California law prohibits identifying marks on a ballot and any such marks will cause your ballot to be voided** • To vote for a qualified write-in candidate, write the person's name on the line provided, and completely fill in the voting rectangle to the left of the line • **Do not write in a name that is already printed on the ballot** • If you desire to vote at your polling place, you must surrender your **unvoted** vote-by-mail ballot at the polls.



**ENCLOSED IDENTIFICATION (ID) ENVELOPE:** Place your voted ballot, and no one else's, in the ID envelope provided • Sign your name and indicate your residence address on the outside of the ID envelope as it appears on your registration affidavit • If a voter cannot sign his/her name, an "X" witnessed by one person is acceptable. The voter's name must be written near the mark and the witness must sign his/her name as a witness (A power of attorney is not acceptable). A signature stamp may also be used if the voter has previously submitted his/her registration affidavit, in the presence of a county elections official, using the signature stamp to sign the affidavit. If your original ballot is lost, spoiled, damaged or marked in error, call (714) 567-7600 or go to **[www.ocvote.com/second](http://www.ocvote.com/second)** for instructions on obtaining a second ballot.



**RETURN YOUR BALLOT:** You must return your ballot in the ID envelope • You may return your ballot by mail, or in person to the Registrar of Voters office or any polling place in Orange County • Your ballot must be received by the Registrar of Voters office (**postmarks do not count**) or the polling place by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day • **If you return your voted ballot to a polling place on Election Day, you do not need to sign the roster** • If you are ill or disabled, you may designate a spouse, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, or a person residing in your house to return the ballot for you • The designee must print his/her name, sign, and indicate the relationship to you on the ID envelope.



**SURRENDERING YOUR VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT:** If you wish to vote at the polls rather than vote-by-mail, you **must** surrender your unvoted vote-by-mail ballot at the poll site. **Remember to bring your unvoted vote-by-mail ballot with you to the polls. You will be asked to vote provisionally unless you surrender it to a poll worker.**

### **TOP FIVE REASONS FOR YOUR VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT NOT TO BE COUNTED:**



1. **No Signature:** You did not sign the ID envelope where indicated.
2. **Late Return:** Your vote-by-mail ballot arrived after 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.
3. **Unnecessary Marks:** You signed, initialed, or placed extraneous marks on your ballot.
4. **Unauthorized Envelope:** Ballot is returned in a different envelope. You **DID NOT** use the ID envelope provided.
5. **Unauthorized Return:** You are unable to return your ballot and **DID NOT** authorize a relative or person residing in your home to return it for you.

Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (714) 657-7608 • [www.ocvote.com](http://www.ocvote.com)

# STEPS TO AVOID WHEN MARKING YOUR BALLOT

## Vote-by-Mail Ballot: How to make sure your ballot counts!

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**REMEMBER -**  
DO NOT sign or print  
your name anywhere  
on the ballot. Doing  
so will void the entire  
ballot.

2

**CAUTION -**  
DO NOT initial your  
ballot, even if you  
make a change.  
This will void the  
entire ballot.

General Election  
Orange County, CA  
November 07, 2007

Non-Partisan Ballot  
Precinct 101

Instruction Note:  
Please use a black or blue ink pen to mark your choice on the ballot.  
To vote for your selection in the contest, completely fill in the box to  
the left of your choice. To vote for a qualified write-in candidate, write  
the person's name on the line provided, and completely fill in the box  
to the left of the line. Do not write in a name that appears on the  
ballot.

Propositions and Amendments  
Proposition 1  
Should internet voting be allowed in the United States?  
 FOR  
 AGAINST

President  
 ABRAHAM LINCOLN  
Republican  
 JOHN ADAMS  
Federalist  
 ZACHARY TAYLOR  
Whig  
 GROVER CLEVELAND  
Democratic

United States Senator  
 HARRIETT TUBMAN  
Republican  
 WALT WHITMAN  
Federalist  
 FREDRICK DOUGLASS  
Democratic

Governor  
 SUSAN B. ANTHONY  
Republican  
 MARK TWAIN  
Whig  
 CESAR CHAVEZ  
Democratic

Mayor  
 CHARLES DICKENS  
Republican  
 MARTHA WASHINGTON  
Democratic

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**WARNING -**  
Extraneous markings  
such as distinct  
drawings or numbers  
void the entire Ballot.

**A** ballot cannot be counted if it is marked or signed by the voter in such a way that it can be identified from other ballots. The entire ballot will be voided. If there are distinctly identifiable markings on one page of a multi-page ballot, all pages will be voided. (Election Code Sections 13204, 14287, 15154 and 15208). If your ballot is spoiled or damaged, please call us at (714) 567-7600 or go to [www.ocvote.com/second](http://www.ocvote.com/second) to request a second ballot.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT [WWW.OCVOTE.COM](http://WWW.OCVOTE.COM)

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